

SOUTH CAROLINA POLITICS.

Senator McLaurin and the Class of Men he is Putting Forward for Preference—A Red Record.—Some of the Appointees.

If the old line republicans of South Carolina are to be believed, the advent of McLaurin in republican politics in South Carolina has created havoc in the ranks. The supremacy of McLaurin is the supremacy of a horde of political renegades—of self-convicted participants in the lynchings and other crimes, of men who have affiliated with every political "will o' the wisp" which has come up in the state for the past two decades.

Said a republican leader, who has grown grey in the service of his party in the state, who has attended every Republican National Convention since the days of reconstruction,

"Every appointment made under the



SENATOR JOHN L. McCLAURIN.
South Carolina.

McLaurin regime is of a man who has violated every tenet of the decalogue. We doubt the wisdom of President Roosevelt in making these appointments. He is not building up a new party. He is being imposed upon. When men like Gen. Robert Small, E. H. Deas, chairman of the Republican State Central Com. E. A. Webster, (deceased), Col. R. M. Wallace, E. W. Scriven, L. W. C. Blalock, A. A. Gates and others—men who have kept the party organization intact—are ignored and given the back seat. The old leaders are wondering what will happen next.

For instance, the U. S. Marshal, L. W. Melton, who was appointed by President McKinley as a hly white republican and recommended by McLaurin, has lived a life of licentiousness and open adultery. His record is known not only in the state of South Carolina but in North Carolina and other states. His reputation for drunkenness, for gambling and for associating with immoral women, is known all over the country, as well as his habit of making debts and refusing to pay them. It is said that in Charleston he comes to the court frequently drunk and in a frolicking condition, and his word or note for money is not worth the paper it is written on. He is wholly without reputation and credit in Charleston and yet he has been recommended for re-appointment.

Another one of McLaurin's favorites is Mr. John G. Caspers District Attorney for South Carolina. He is one of President Roosevelt's appointments and is an excellent type of the class of men recommended by John Lown McLaurin for preference. He was prosecuted in the United States court in 1894 for pension fraud. During the Harrison regime he was pigeon-holed in Washing-



DR. W. S. LOFTON,
Chairman Banneker Relief Association for Sojourner Truth Home Entertainment.

ton, took residence at Gaithersburg, Md. and succeeded in deadbeating his way, running bills on grocery men, undertakers and tailors and what not to the extent of several thousand dollars. His boast was that he could beat any grocery man or business man out of a bill. When the republican party returned to power under McKinley, he was appointed District Attorney for South Carolina, and has been re-appointed by President Roosevelt. His career for immoral conduct, etc. is town talk both in Charleston and in Washington. When he was appointed as District Attorney of South Carolina, he was a resident of Gaithersburg, Md.

Mr. W. G. Chaffee, post master at Aiken, S. C. is another one of the lilly whites. He has been charged and in one instance prosecuted for holding funds as commissioner for a shortage in a post office embroglio. A post master who was short of funds being suspended, Mr. Chaffee who was United States Commissioner kept the funds and held them for fourteen months, being sued for them. He has also many charges of immoral conduct against him.

Mr. Chas. R. Koester is the latest appointee of President Roosevelt for Collector of Internal Revenue of Columbia, S. C. He has been appointed but not confirmed. He is a confessed participant in lynching bees and his reputation for truth and veracity is well known in South Carolina.

Mr. Purcell the post master recently appointed at Newberry, S. C. is a democrat of the worse type. At Laurin, S. C. Mr. McCrary, a democrat, was appointed post master, taking the place of a good republican, Robinson by name. This appointee is a Tillmanite, disgruntled and very ignorant. Wm. Aikens who has just been appointed post master at Greewood, S. C. is known as a common klu klux, boasts of having assisted in killing eighteen or twenty colored men and shot old man Talbert and his son, which is fresh in the memory of all readers of newspapers. The list might be continued indefinitely, but it shows the class of men that McLaurin is recommending to build up a new republican party in South Carolina."

Hon. H. P. Cheatham has had a very fine time shooting quail in North Carolina for the last few days. His many friends will be glad to know of his return.

THE SOJOURNER TRUTH HOME.

A Mammoth Entertainment to be Given for its Benefit at Convention Hall by the Banneker Relief Association.

The Sojourner Truth Home and the Home for Friendless Girls and the Day Nursery are three deserving charitable institutions in this city which are supported by private contributions. Unlike other similar institutions in the District they are not assisted by the National or District governments. They are doing a good and noble work however and it was in recognition of these facts that the Banneker Relief Association one of the strongest in the city decided to give a benefit.

Convention Hall has been secured for April 4th, and a committee of thirty-five has been appointed to make arrangements, etc. Dr. W. S. Lofton has been appointed chairman with the following committee:

Dr. W. S. Lofton, Chairman, J. H. Butcher, R. H. Nugent, J. A. Payne, J. McK Syphax, Jerry Bethel, Fredk Douglass, W. T. Guy, R. H. Fletcher, W. D. Montague, J. W. Mays, J. A. Jonnson, S. A. Bryant, J. A. McDuffie, W. C. Evans, A. L. Brown, H. W. Cornell, J. M. Houser, J. Henry Lewis, J. A. Davis, J. W. Dabney, W. L. Butler, J. E. Dent, G. A. Younger, John Prieau, R. A. Shaw, J. I. Jackson, J. E. Johnson, Douglass Brown, J. A. Clove, Clement Dorsey, W. S. Fuller, J. B. Sewell, Thaddeus Fields, Theodore Jackson

The following resolutions were adopted at the last meeting of the Association:

WHEREAS: The Day Nursery, The Sojourner Truth Home and Home for Friendless Girls, three very deserving charitable institutions are supported by private contributions and receive no aid whatever from either the National or District governments; and

WHEREAS: These institutions are very much in need of funds to prosecute their laudable efforts; and

WHEREAS: We believe that this is a work that should receive practical sympathy from all classes of our citizens and not be borne by a few; therefore be it

RESOLVED: By the Banneker Relief Association, That a charity entertainment be given under its auspices, with such co-operation as the managers of the above institutions may agree to give.

RESOLVED: That the president of

this association is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of thirty-five, who shall make all the necessary arrangements for said entertainment.

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